



Data Service Center

168 S. Dupont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720
www.dataservice.org

Phone: (302) 504-7200
Fax: (302) 504-7201
Helpdesk: (302) 504-7222

CENTRAL BIDDING DEPARTMENT

ADDENDUM No. 2

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher & Interpreting Services – RFP #2-21-11 **RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Date of Addendum: December 23, 2020

OPENING DATE: January 4, 2021 at 2:00 PM

To all prospective bidders under the specifications and contract documents described above, this Addendum to RFP is being issued to answer the following submitted questions:

1. **Page 19- SPECIALIST REQUIREMENTS-Evidence of criminal background check or evidence of current employment in the RCCSD or other State of Delaware public school district.** Interpreters who work with the federal government have extensive background investigations, including fingerprinting, criminal records check, credit checks and more. Will Delaware accept the federal government ID badge (which is only provided after passing this suitability process) as evidence of the criminal background checks?

No, the federal government ID badge cannot replace the State of Delaware background check and fingerprinting requirement.

2. **Page 19- SPECIALIST REQUIREMENTS- State of Delaware License or Industry Licensure in related field,** Interpreters who are not nationally certified have no obligation to adhere to the RID Code of Professional Conduct (CPC), therefore Delaware will experience more problems with services provided by these interpreters caused by lower skill levels and unprofessional behavior, leaving consumers struggling to understand and/or be understood by less qualified interpreters. Requiring only nationally certified interpreters will resolve most concerns in both areas. Will Delaware revise the requirements to state that all interpreters must be nationally certified?

Red Clay highly prefers interpreters with national certification and considers that industry standard (industry licensure). We cannot comment on Delaware's revision of the requirement because that change would be made by the state licensure board and state board of education.

3. **Page 18- SPECIALIST REQUIREMENTS-Evidence of criminal background check or evidence of current employment in the RCCSD or other State of Delaware public school district.** Can Delaware confirm they will allow for processing of these interpreters for badges after award?

Yes, as we interview and offer interpreters positions, we allow for time for processing of background check prior to placement.

4. Are the teacher of the Deaf and the interpreters all 5 days per week positions?

The amount of days per assignment is based on student needs. We currently have both full-time and part-time positions.